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SUBJ: BELGIAN VIEWS ON KOREA

1. BELGIUM'S DEPUTY PERMREP MERENNE CALLED AT USUN MAY 23 TO DISCUSS KOREA. MERENNE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT STEPS FORESEEN IN CONNECTION IMPLEMENTATION 30TH UNGA WITH RESOLUTION 3333. HE ATTACHED MUCH IMPORTANCE TO EVIDENCE OF GOOD WILL IN SEEKING IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT AN EFFORT TO ENGAGE THE UNSC THIS SUMMER, EVEN IF UNSUCCESSFUL, (I.E. EVEN IF THERE NOT 9 VOTES TO INSCRIBE) WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN OPPOSITION TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA. HE ARGUED THAT FAILURE TO TRY TO DO SO COULD WEAKEN STRENGTH OF OPPOSITION TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND EVEN ERODE SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

2. MISOFFS THANKED MERENNE AND ASSURED HIM THAT USG HAS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION MUCH IN MIND. MISOFFS STRESSED KEY SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED BY SUG TO NEED TO MAINTAIN PRESENT ARMISTICE AGREEMENT UNTIL OTHER SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE ACHIEVED. MERENNE SEEMED CONCUR IN THIS.
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